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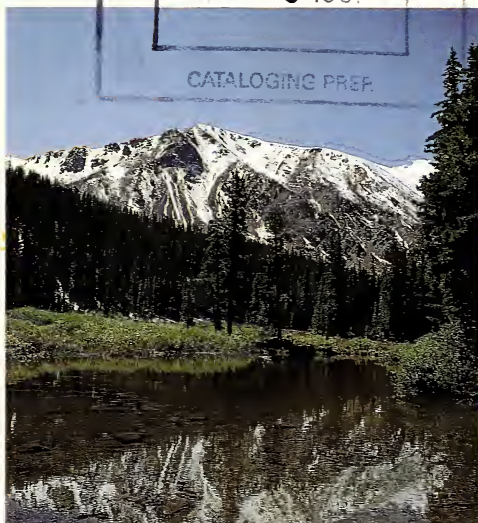
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Mountain biking

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OUTDOOR FUN ALL YEAR 'ROUND

Clear Creek County's recreational opportunities can't be beat! Summertime visitors can enjoy hiking, biking, jeeping, "ATV"-ing, camping, rafting, mountain biking, fishing, picnicing and horseback riding in thousands of acres of public lands.

In winter, local ski areas are generally open between October and May-- two months more than most of the state's resorts. In addition, visitors are within one hour of 8 other major downhill ski areas. Other winter sports include cross country skiing, snow boarding, snow shoeing, ice fishing and snowmobiling.



VISIT THE PAST...

Fanciful woodwork, steep gable roofs, brightly painted homes and elegant brick buildings-- all the best of Victorian architecture-- can be found in Clear Creek County. Old mines, water wheels, railroads, false-fronted buildings and a wide range of architectural styles can be found within the county. Empire, Silver Plume, Idaho Springs and Georgetown each have a personality of their own-- and buildings to match.

The National Historic Districts of Idaho Springs, Georgetown and Silver Plume shouldn't be missed by anyone who loves old buildings.

Visitors to Clear Creek County can truly take a walk through time and recreate life in the mountains during the gold and silver boom days.

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Hamill House, Georgetown

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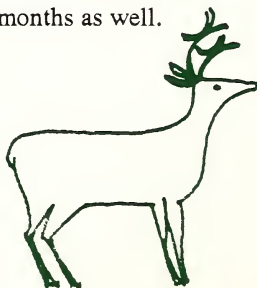
Loop Railroad, Georgetown

Steve Shoe

TRAINS AND TOURS

Self-guided walking tours are available for all of the historic districts. Check at local visitor centers for more information.

IDAHO SPRINGS: The Underhill Museum in Idaho Springs provides local history and an excellent collection of mining memorabilia. It's conveniently located within the town's commercial district, a National Register Historic District. The Colorado School of Mines gives tours of the Edgar Mine (an experimental gold mine) throughout the summer months. Tours of working gold mines are usually available during the summer months as well.



GEORGETOWN: The Hamill House and the Hotel De Paris are restorations of 19th century buildings within the Georgetown/Silver Plume National Historic Landmark District. The narrow gauge train ride over the Georgetown Loop is as popular today as it was over 100 years ago. The Lebanon Mine and Mill tour interprets 19th century silver mining and processing techniques.

SILVER PLUME: Silver Plume's George Rowe Museum, located in the 1890s school house, presents the town's history while allowing visitors to step back into an authentic 19th century classroom setting.



George Rowe Museum, Silver Plume

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CLEAR CREEK COUNTY... WHERE HISTORY MEETS THE MOUNTAINS

VISIT OUR HISTORIC TOWNS

Spectacular mountains, Victorian towns, back country trails through mining history, wild-life and a variety of recreational opportunities greet visitors to Clear Creek County. Located only minutes west of the Denver area, Clear Creek County is both a destination area and an excellent place to spend a day in the mountains. The entire family can explore the past and enjoy the present.

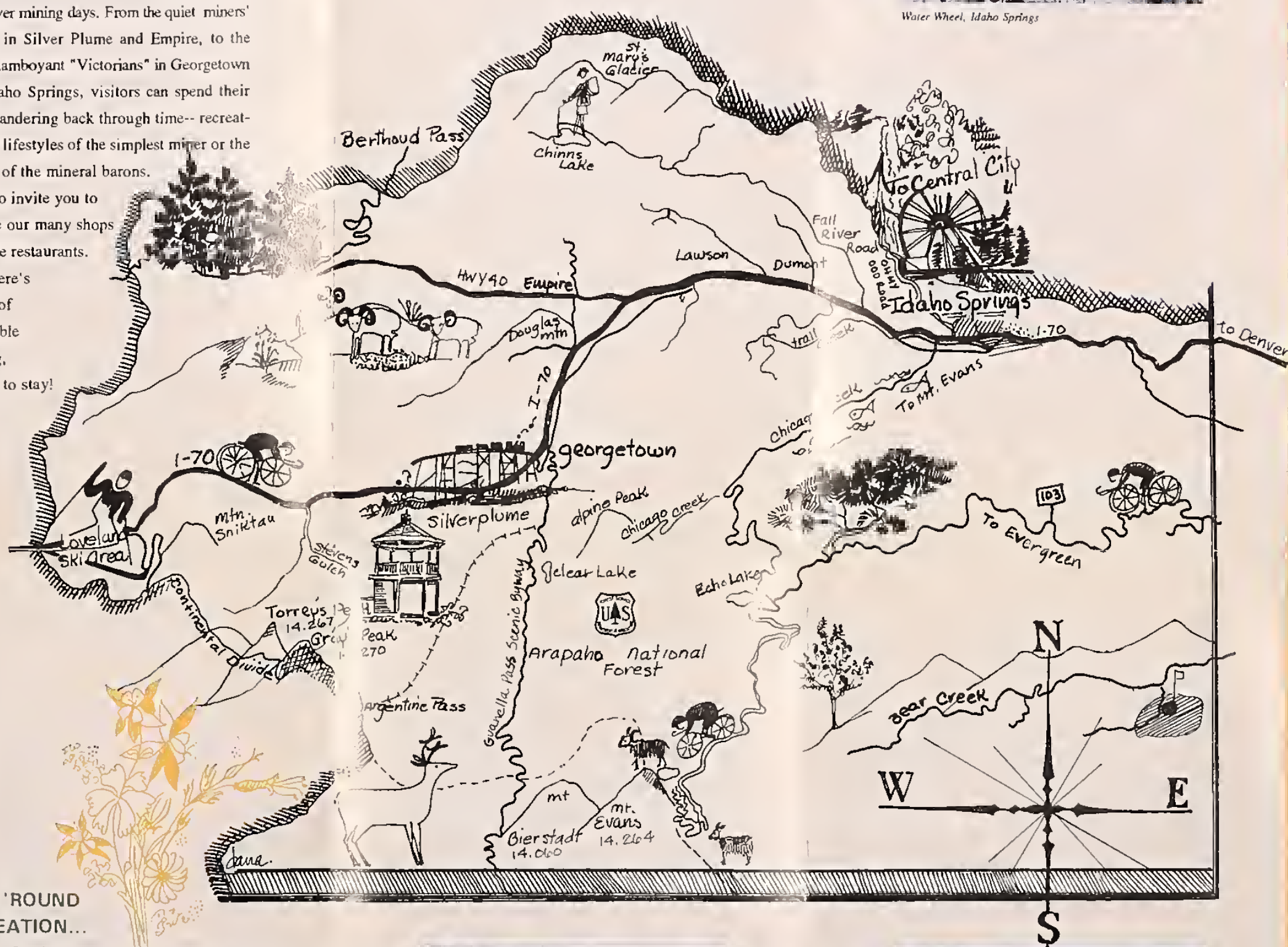
Clear Creek County's four towns, Idaho Springs, Georgetown, Empire and Silver Plume, and the surrounding areas, all reflect the flavor of the 19th century Colorado gold and silver mining days. From the quiet miners' homes in Silver Plume and Empire, to the more flamboyant "Victorians" in Georgetown and Idaho Springs, visitors can spend their days wandering back through time-- recreating the lifestyles of the simplest miner or the richest of the mineral barons. We also invite you to explore our many shops and fine restaurants. And there's plenty of affordable lodging, so plan to stay!



Cabin in autumn



Water Wheel, Idaho Springs

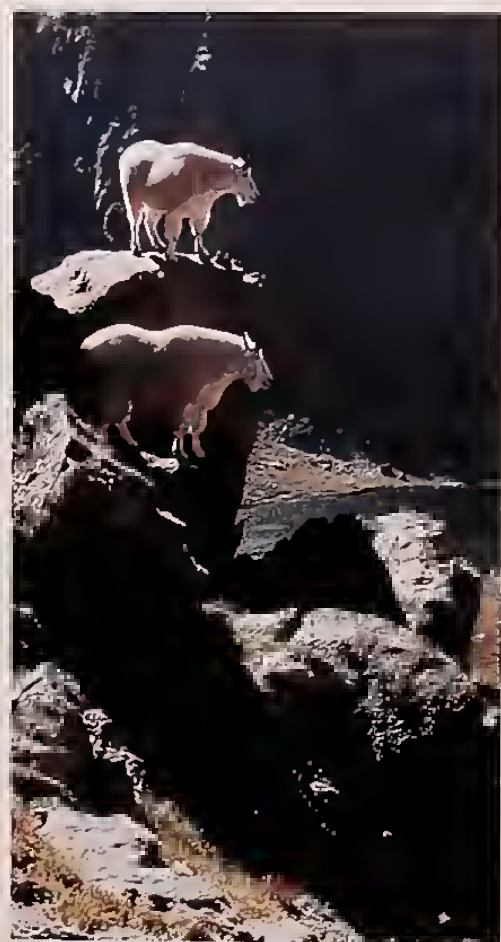


YEAR 'ROUND RECREATION...

In Clear Creek County where winter and summer recreational opportunities abound nearly 85% of the land is publicly owned. Arapaho National Forest Service Trails provide visitors with everything from short, easy hikes to longer treks along rugged terrain. Try hiking to the top of Gray's and Torrey's Peaks at the head of beautiful Stevens Gulch, or driving to the top of Mount Evans where you can see alpine tundra and thousand year old Bristlecone pines. Viewing the world from altitudes above 14,000 feet is as close as you will get to flying with your feet on the ground.

WATCHABLE WILDLIFE...

Bighorn sheep, mountain goats, elk, deer and other species of wildlife abound within Clear Creek County. Fishing, hunting and photo opportunities are readily available. Stop by the Colorado Division of Wildlife's "Watchable Wildlife Station" at Georgetown for a look at the big horn sheep in their natural habitat.

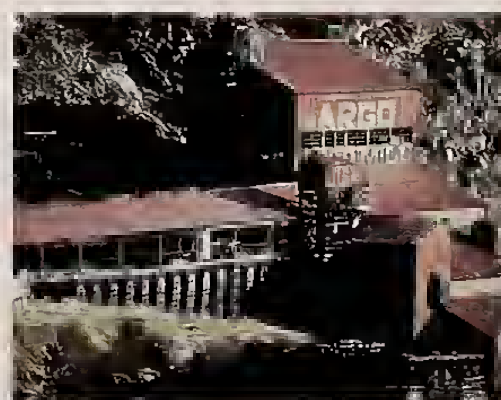


Mountain Goats on Mt. Evans

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Old No. 60 Idaho Springs



Argo Mill, Idaho Springs

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DRIVING TOURS



Peck House, Empire

Sally St. Clair

BERTHOUD PASS. Take US HWY 40 off of I-70 and continue 13 miles past the town of Empire. A panoramic view of the Continental Divide is found at the top at 11,400 feet. Get your camera ready for some spectacular views of the top of the Rockies.

OH MY GOD ROAD. This popular back road drive can take you from Idaho Springs through Virginia Canyon into historic Central City. Try this drive through the historic mining area where hundreds of mines once operated.

GUANELLA PASS SCENIC BYWAY. Follow the signs out of downtown Georgetown to this popular pass topped by 14,060 foot Mt. Bierstadt. This well-maintained road takes you to many hiking spots near the Continental Divide.



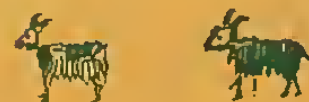
On the road to Mt. Evans

Larry Lindner

MOUNT EVANS. This is the highest paved road in North America, and takes you through part of the Mt. Evans Wilderness Area. The view along this drive and summit is considered the most spectacular panorama on the front range-- look for mountain goats, elk, and bighorn sheep (Elevation 14,264 at the top.)

FALL RIVER ROAD. Take Exit 238 off of I-70 and drive 9 miles up through scenic mountain terrain. It's only a short hike to St. Mary's Glacier, or, stop by the lake for a picnic. This area is enjoyed by visitors every season of the year.

All driving tours include access to public camping and picnic grounds.





4th of July, Georgetown

Georgetown Society, Inc.

FESTIVALS...

Mountain settings and small towns create an atmosphere that can't be beat for festivals and good times. Whether it's an ice cream social in Silver Plume on the Fourth of July, Empire's Annual Frog Rodeo, Gold Rush Days in Idaho Springs or Christmas Market in Georgetown --it's just plain fun!

Cover: Ruby Creek Pond

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Back :Skiing

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Gold Rush Days, Idaho Springs

Chip Bair

AND FUN FOR ALL

Come join us as we celebrate. Take a break from your lifestyle and join us in ours. Watch hose cart races, mucking contests, and frog races or try some cake and ice cream in a quiet mountain park, listening to the creek rushing down the valley.



Christmas Market, Georgetown

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